9. Bhopal

10. Raipur

11. Imphal

12. Shillong

13. Tura

14. Kohima

15. Gangtok

16. Bhubaneswar

17. Agartala

18. Bareilly

19. Siliguri

20. Aizawl

21. Port Blair

22. Chandigarh

23. Pondicherry

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Electronic Exchange in Chandigarh

1782. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing '2 level' telephone exchange at Chandigarh has almost completed its 'life' period and outlived its utility;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to replace it by an electronic exchange; and

(c) the time by which the new exchange is likely to be commissioned?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir, the "2 Level " exchange has almost completed its "life". However, even though the Exchange has not completely outlived its prescribed life for upgradation/modification and improvement in quality of service, 10,000 lines of C-DOT type Electronic Equipment has been allotted for replacment of this exchange.

The new C-DOT Electronic exchange is expected to be commissioned within the 8th Plan period.

Requirement and Supply of Electricity to Chandigarh

1783. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present requirement and supply of electricity to Chandigarh;

(b) the extent to which the requirement is likely to be Increased by the end of the 8th Five Year Plan;

(c) the extent to which the requirement is likely to be met;

(d) whether the Government have not accorded to Chandigarh the status of member state of Bhakra Beas Management Board; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) During the period April-October, 1991, the Energy requirement of Chandigarh was 400 million units against